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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 10/051,311; Filed: January 22, 2002
For: **Method for Identifying Compounds Modulating Sister Chromatid
Separation**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
2. Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibits A-D;
3. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of **\$1,020.00** to cover the extension of time fee; and
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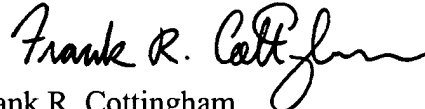
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